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An Act To Increase the Availability of Public Education Services from Child Development Services

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7001, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 662, Pt. A, §15, is amended to read:

2-A. Free, appropriate public education. "Free, appropriate public education" means special education and related services that are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction and without charge; meet the standards of the department; include an appropriate preschool, elementary school or secondary school education in the State; and are provided in conformity with the individualized family service plan or individualized education program. Preschool children with disabilities who reach 5 years of age between ~~September~~July 1st and October 15th who are already receiving free, appropriate public education through the Child Development Services System and whose parents choose, in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner, not to enroll those children in kindergarten until the start of the following school year must have free, appropriate public education available to them through the Child Development Services System for one additional school year.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Deappropriates funds to recognize the savings to local schools as a result of an increase in the number of eligible children who are currently receiving free, appropriate public education services through the Child Development Services System and whose parents choose to delay the entry of the children into kindergarten until the start of the following school year due to the extension of the window of eligibility by 2 months.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	(\$53,590)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$53,590)

Preschool Handicapped 0449

Initiative: Provides funds for the provision of services to an increased number of eligible children who are currently receiving free, appropriate public education services through the Child Development Services System and whose parents choose to delay the entry of the children into kindergarten until the start of the following school year due to the extension of the window of eligibility by 2 months.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$29,756
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$29,756

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$23,834)
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$23,834)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funds for the provision of services to an increased number of MaineCare-eligible children who are currently receiving free, appropriate public education services through the Child Development Services System and whose parents choose to delay the entry of the children into kindergarten until the start of the following school year due to the extension of the window of eligibility by 2 months.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$7,644
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,644

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$22,112
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$22,112

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$7,644
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$22,112
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$29,756

SECTION TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$16,190)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$22,112
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SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$5,922

Effective September 20, 2007